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Dr George Engelmann

Dear Sir

As Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences it becomes my duty respectfully to direct your attention to Sect. 10 Art IV of the Constitution which provides that if any member be absent from four consecutive stated Meetings of the Academy without communicating to the Academy a valid reason for his absence his name shall be stricken from the roll of members. I trust you will excuse the necessity of the Academy at Northampton May or the 23d of August next, of which fourth notice will be sent you, and that you will henceforth take an active part in the highly national movement which has been commenced by the establishment of the Academy by act of Congress.

Very respectfully yours

Robert Hare Sec'y.

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